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The Honorable William J. Casey
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Dear Bill:

I read with great interest the presentation given by Bob Gates to the Armed Services Committee on Soviet Strategic Force Development. This effort to provide the public the key judgments derived from our estimating process is an important milestone for American intelligence. The American people have a right to know the information which decisionmakers use to come to their respective conclusions and providing that information in a substantive form which does not damage sources and methods is exactly how it should be done. I have long advocated such an approach and I applaud the Administration's new policy.

Besides strategic forces, there are a number of additional policy issues under debate which would benefit equally by public illumination of our key intelligence judgments:

- o State-Support to Terrorism
- o World Oil Market Outlook
- o International Flow of Drug Money
- o Soviet Global Military Reach
- o USSR and the Third World
- o Warning of War in Europe
- o Soviet Chemical Biological Warfare Capabilities



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o Arab/Israeli Military Balance

Building on the success of the Armed Services experience, we will institute regular briefing sessions for our Committee in which Bob Gates can provide an unclassified version of key estimates. We, in turn, can then provide them to the Senate as a whole. Please let me know what date in July will be most convenient to begin with "State-Support to Terrorism."

Sincerely,



Dave Durenberger
Chairman